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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 0251 ACTION SECSTATE JAN 12.

QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 0251

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FOR SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SA
SUBJECT: CODEL ZABLICKI VIEWS ON SALE OF F-15'S

1. ZABLICKI CODEL GROUP COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO
SAUDI ARABIA TODAY. SALE OF F-15'S WAS PRINCIPAL TOPIC AND
REACTION OF CODEL GROUP WAS MOST FAVORABLE, ESPECIALLY AFTERN
EXPLANATION OF SAUDI OIL POLICY WAS GIVEN. SEVERAL COMMITTEE
MEMBERS WHO HAD HERETOFORE BEEN WAVERING OR OPPOSED MADE
COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT SALE.

2. BASED ON OBSERVATIONS AND CONVERSATIONS, WE FEEL THE
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FOLLOWING WILL DEFINETELY VOTE AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION OF
DISAPPROVAL: ZABLICKI, BROOMFIELD, FASCELL, RYAN, MEYNER,
FINDLEY AND WINN. BELIEVE INCLINED TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION
BUT NO FIRM EXPRESSION FROM PETTIS, CLOWSSON, BURKE AND PEASE.
BINGHAM WOULD LIKE TO KEEP RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE BUT WOULD
PROBABLY VOTE FOR IT ON RECORDED VOTE. CAVANAUGH
STILL SKEPTICAL BUT WE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HOPE ON HIM.

GILMAN SEEMED FAVORABLE IMPRESSED BUT NON-COMMITAL AND
IN VIEW OF HIS BACKGROUND WOULD NOT COUNT ON ANY HELP
FROM HIM, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE HE WOULD NOT BE AN OUT-
SPOLEN OPPONENT OF SALE.

3. ZABLICKI IS WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF
ATTEMPTING TO KEEP RESOLUTION IN HIS SUBCOMMITTEE IF
NECESSARY BUT WOULD PREFER HAVING ENTIRE COMMITTEE
VOTE WHICH WOULD ALSO PRECLUDE A MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION
BY ENTIRE HOUSE. SUGGEST CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON
CONTACT CODEL MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UPON THEIR
RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND IF POSSIBLE GET FIRM COMMIT-
MENTS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF ASSESSMENT OF
CODEL REACTION AFTER THEIR RETURN. ESPECIALLY WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW IF ANY CHANGE THEIR MINDS BECAUSE OF VISIT
TO ISRAEL AFTER DEPARTING SAUDI ARABIA.
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